

Mr. Speaker, Edward 'Bud' Donahue is an exceptional member of the community. I ask you to join me in honoring the service of Mr. Edward Donahue.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2018*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on June 15, 2018—I was not present for roll call votes 267 to 268 as I was required to be in Connecticut for a memorial service. If I had been present for these votes, I would have voted: Nay on roll call vote 267; and Nay on roll call vote 268.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF WAYNE ALTERISIO

### HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2018*

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride and admiration for Mr. Wayne Alterisio, and I offer my sincere thanks to him for his years of service to our state as the former President of the New Hampshire Letter Carriers Association.

Through his work with the New Hampshire AFL-CIO, the 'Stamp Out Hunger' Food Drive and the Nashua Central Labor Council, Wayne has made meaningful contributions to our community and our state. It is Granite Staters like Wayne who make New Hampshire such an incredibly special place to live, work, and raise a family.

On behalf of New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Wayne again for his distinguished public service, and I wish him the best.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on June 20, 2018, I was unavoidably detained due to a death in the family. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 272; YEA on Roll Call No. 273; YEA on Roll Call No. 274; NAY on Roll Call No. 275; and YEA on Roll Call No. 276.

#### JOHN T. MARGIE

### HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2018*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Marine Corps Combat veteran, Mr. John T. Margie of Deptford Township in New Jersey's First Congressional District.

Mr. Margie was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. In September 1948, he trained for three months at the MCRD, Parris Island, South Carolina. After completing his training, he then entered an infantry exercise on the USS *Worcester* in the Mediterranean Sea.

In June of 1950, when North Korea invaded South Korea, Mr. Margie, along with his fellow soldiers, shipped abroad to the Suez Canal, South China Sea, Japan and Korea; contributing to the decisive battle of the Korean War, the "Battle of Chosin Reservoir".

After serving overseas, Corporal Margie became a Marine Recruiter in Defiance, Ohio, receiving the title of "Outstanding Recruiter of the Year". While transporting new recruits to Parris Island, he contracted Polio; however, with support from the U.S. Navy doctors, nurses and his family, he remarkably regained the ability to move.

Upon retirement, Mr. Margie received numerous awards including, the Legion of Honor, the New Jersey Volunteer of the Year Award, National Shipmate of the Year, Fleet Reserve Association award, the Human Goals award, the Commanders Naval Sea System Command award, and the Deptford Citizen of the Year award.

Following his formal service to the United States Armed Forces, Mr. Margie's contributions continued. He served as Co-Founder of the Semper Fidelis Detachment, Marine Corps League, Wenonah American Legion, VFW, Disabled American Veterans, the Fleet Reserve Association, and the Chosin Few; an organizations former for survivors of the Chosin Reservoir Battle of 1950.

Mr. John T. Margie is an honorable American, having served our great nation in a time of war, and merits our collective appreciation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in saluting John T. Margie for his heroism, his sacrifice in the Korean War, and his service to the United States of America.

#### HALL OF FAME—NAPLES ZOO

### HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2018*

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Naples Zoo on its recent induction into the Trip Advisor Hall of Fame.

The Naples Zoo earned this designation after receiving five consecutive annual 'Certificates of Excellence' from Trip Advisor. Maintaining such an impressive record is no small feat, and requires a relentless commitment to quality customer service. An excellent visitor experience is a top priority of the staff at the Zoo, and their devotion to providing the best possible visit to the guest is indicative of the welcoming spirit present throughout Naples.

I am proud to recognize the Naples Zoo for its achievement, and gladly point to it as another shining example of the strong tourist appeal of Southwest Florida.

#### EULOGY FOR J. BRIAN GAFFNEY

### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2018*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD, a eulogy of J. Brian Gaffney. Brian was an exceptional man, devoted to his family, his community New Britain, his state of Connecticut, his Nation, and of course Notre Dame. The world of politics where Brian and many of his peers came of age in was a world where loyalty was, and still is, a tremendous value.

At his funeral service, the outpouring of the community had to be heartwarming for his beautiful and gracious wife, Mary Lou, and the entire Gaffney family. As they embraced a grateful public, the stories, the respect and the Irish humor were ever present, just what Brian would have wanted. I knew Brian but felt a special kinship to him from the stories told by Jay Malcynsky, his daughter Alicia, and his son-in-law Fritz.

Brian was the kind of man that when he held court, you wanted a front row seat to hear him. It's hard to capture the impact, the complexity of a man and his expansive influence. It was done in exceptional form by former Republican Chairman Chris Healy.

His remarks, his candor, his insights were the talk of the wake and captured the essence of a great American.

"John Brian Gaffney had as big and colorful a ride as any Connecticut politician over the last 60 years. He made New Britain a Republican town, he served locally and at the state Capitol, orchestrated the rise of a Congressman and then Governor, knew Presidents by name, ruled like a true state Party chairman, practiced law, raised six children with his wife of 5 years, Mary Louise, and got in lots of golf at Shuttle Meadow.

Gaffney left this earth at age 85 this past week and with it a record for the ages during a time where honor, loyalty and laughter were the currency of the political realm. He was a New Britain guy, through and through and never lost his bearings about the important things—friendship, family and loyalty.

His life reads like a novel by Edwin O'Connor—a graduate of Notre Dame University and Fordham Law School, who joined the family law practice and apprenticed in the close quarter combat of Hardware City politics.

Thomas J. Meskill, also a local lawyer, who was tagged by one columnist during the day as all "Irish Fight" lured Gaffney into running for the Board of Alderman when he took another shot at the Mayor's office.

They both won and within eight years, they had lined themselves up to take on the formidable Democrat machine, led by John Bailey, a former National Democrat chairman and merciless operator by which all others were measured.

Meskill and Gaffney proved more than up for the task at hand, hardened by their City Hall experience. Once, Mayor Meskill had city police haul recalcitrant Democrat Aldermen back to a meeting when they walked out to deny him a quorum.

By late 1969, Gaffney's plate was full and overflowing. He had a part-time job doing Congressional field work for Meskill, practiced law, helped Paul Manafort Sr. hold the Mayor's office, had a seat in the state House representing the 29th District and chaired the local town committee.

Democrats had owned the governor's mansion since 1955 and 1970 would be the first